**IN THE CLAIMS**

1.     (Cancelled)

2.     (Cancelled)

3.     (Currently amended) A method comprising:

        receiving a request for a product from a requesting node, the request received by a providing node;

        providing the request from the providing node to an authorizing node;

        receiving a permit from the authorizing node in response to the request;

        a step for conveying a first electronic digital data in a first protected transfer to deliver the a permit to the requesting node;

        a step for conveying a second electronic digital data in a second protected transfer to deliver a product to the requesting node identified by the permit,; and

        preventing the requesting node from identifying the authorizing node. wherein each protected transfer comprises a step for receiving a respective request and a step for delivering per the request, receiving being performed by a respective receiving system linked by a respective network link to a respective delivering system, receiving being performed independently of the delivering system, delivering being performed by the respective delivering system in response to, and otherwise independently of the receiving system and without identifying the delivering system.

4.     (Currently amended) The method of claim 3 further comprising:

        a step for receiving at least two reports from a plurality of reports during a time period, wherein the plurality of reports include a permit request report, a permit delivery

report, a product delivery request report, a product delivery commencement report, and a

product delivery completion report;

a step for grouping reports into tuples of related reports;

a step for determining whether a particular report is unmatched;

a step for determining whether a particular tuple is incomplete; and

a step for providing notice of a breach of security in accordance with at least

one of whether the particular report is unmatched and whether the particular tuple is

incomplete.

5.    (Cancelled)

6.    (Cancelled) The method of claim 3 wherein the one receiving system performs for

both respective receiving systems.

7.    (Currently amended) The method of claim 3 wherein delivering per the request

comprises a step for delivering the requesting node and the providing node communicate via

a public network without a firewall between the respective delivering system providing node

and the public network.

8.    (Currently amended) The method of claim 3 wherein

a first delivering system conveys the permit responsive to a public network

link to the requesting node respective receiving system; and

a second delivering system conveys the product responsive to a public

network link to the requesting node respective receiving system.

9.    (Cancelled)

10.    (Cancelled)

11.    (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 wherein a portion of the permit is

encrypted.

12.    (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 wherein the request for the product

comprises at least a portion of the permit.

13.    (Cancelled)

14.    (Cancelled)

15.    (Currently amended) The method of claim 3 wherein each ~~respective~~ request is

received via a public network link.

16.    (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 wherein the product comprises at least

one of a digital work, a file, an audio recording, a video recording, an executable program, a

document, a multimedia program, and content.

17.    (Currently amended) The method of claim 3 wherein ~~the step for~~ conveying the

second digital data ~~product~~ comprises ~~a step for~~ downloading the product in entirety.

18.    (Currently amended) The method of claim 3 wherein ~~the step for~~ conveying the

second digital data ~~product~~ comprises ~~a step for~~ streaming the product.

19. – 22.    (Cancelled)

23.    (Currently amended) The method of claim 3 wherein ~~the step for~~ conveying the first

digital data ~~permit~~ comprises:

        ~~a step for~~ detecting a prerequisite event, the event being at least one of

receiving a notice that payment for the permit has been assured by a provided process,

~~assuring being in response to receiving by the process a request for the permit from a~~

~~consumer subsystem and determining a network address of the consumer subsystem~~; and

~~a step for~~ conveying third electronic digital data across an interface and from a port in accordance with a protocol that denies entry into a state for transferring ~~electronic digital data of~~ the permit unless the event is detected.

24.    (Currently amended) The method of claim 3 wherein ~~the step for~~ conveying the second digital data ~~product~~ comprises:

~~a step for~~ detecting a prerequisite event, the event being at least one of receiving a notice, receiving at least a portion of the permit, receiving a key for encrypting the product, and determining a network address for delivering the product; and

~~a step for~~ conveying third electronic digital data across an interface and from a port in accordance with a protocol that denies entry into a state for transferring ~~electronic digital data of~~ the product unless the event is detected.

25.    (Currently amended) A system comprising:

means for receiving a request for a product from a requesting node, the request received by a providing node;

means for providing the request to an authorizing node;

means for receiving a permit from the authorizing node in response to the request;

means for conveying a first electronic digital data in a first protected transfer to deliver the ~~a~~ permit to the requesting node;

means for conveying a second electronic digital data in a second protected transfer to deliver a product to the requesting node identified by the permit~~,~~; and

preventing the requesting node from identifying the authorizing node.

~~wherein each protected transfer comprises a step for receiving a respective request and a step for delivering per the request, receiving being performed by a respective receiving system linked by a respective network link to a respective delivering system, receiving being performed independently of the delivering system, delivering being performed by the respective delivering system in response to, and otherwise independently of the receiving system and without identifying the delivering system.~~

26.    (Currently amended) The system of claim 25 further comprising:

second means for receiving at least two reports <u>from a plurality of reports</u> during a time period<u>, wherein the plurality of reports include a permit request report, a permit delivery report, a product delivery request report, a product delivery commencement report, and a product delivery completion report</u>;

means for grouping reports into tuples of related reports;

means for determining whether a particular report is unmatched;

means for determining whether a particular tuple is incomplete; and

means for providing notice of a breach of security in accordance with at least one of whether the particular report is unmatched and whether the particular tuple is incomplete.

27.    (Cancelled)

28.    (Cancelled) ~~The system of claim 25 one means for receiving performs for both respective means for receiving.~~

29.    (Currently amended) The system of claim 25 wherein ~~delivering per the request comprises delivering~~ <u>the requesting node and the providing node communicate</u> via a public

network without a firewall between the ~~respective means for~~ ~~delivering~~ providing node and the public network.

30. (Currently amended) The system of claim 25 wherein

a first means for delivering conveys the permit responsive to a public network link to the ~~respective~~ means for receiving; and

a second a means for delivering conveys the product responsive to a public network link to the ~~respective~~ means for receiving.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25 wherein a portion of the permit is encrypted.

34. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25 wherein the request for the product comprises at least a portion of the permit.

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently amended) The system of claim 25 wherein each ~~respective~~ request is received via a public network link.

38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25 wherein the product comprises at least one of a digital work, a file, an audio recording, a video recording, an executable program, a document, a multimedia program, and content.

39. (Currently amended) The system of claim 25 wherein the means for conveying the second digital data ~~product~~ comprises means for downloading the product in entirety.

40.    (Currently amended) The system of claim 25 wherein the means for conveying the second digital data ~~product~~ comprises means for streaming the product.

41. - 44.    (Cancelled)

45.    (Currently amended) The system of claim 25 wherein the means for conveying the first digital data ~~permit~~ comprises:

means for detecting a prerequisite event, the event being at least one of receiving a notice that payment for the permit has been assured by a provided process, ~~assuring being in response to receiving by the process a request for the permit from a consumer subsystem and determining a network address of the consumer subsystem~~; and

means for conveying third electronic digital data across an interface and from a port in accordance with a protocol that denies entry into a state for transferring electronic digital data of the permit unless the event is detected.

46.    (Currently amended) The system of claim 25 wherein the means for conveying the second digital data ~~product~~ comprises:

means for detecting a prerequisite event, the event being at least one of receiving a notice, receiving at least a portion of the permit, receiving a key for encrypting the product, and determining a network address for delivering the product; and

means for conveying third electronic digital data across an interface and from a port in accordance with a protocol that denies entry into a state for transferring electronic digital data of the product unless the event is detected.

47.    (Currently amended) A method for reducing risk of unauthorized access to an electronic digital data product, the method comprising:

receiving a request for a product from a requesting system, the request

received by a delivery system;

providing the request to an authorizing node;

receiving a permit from the authorizing node in response to the request;

conveying a first electronic digital data in a first protected transfer to deliver

the ~~a~~ permit to the requesting node;

conveying a second electronic digital data in a second protected transfer to

deliver a product to the requesting node identified by the ~~permit;~~ and

preventing the requesting system from identifying the authorizing node.

~~wherein each protected transfer comprises a step for receiving a respective request and a step~~

~~for delivering per the request, receiving being performed by a respective receiving system~~

~~linked by a respective network link to a respective delivering system, receiving being~~

~~performed independently of the delivering system, delivering being performed by the~~

~~respective delivering system in response to, and otherwise independently of the receiving~~

~~system and without identifying the delivering system.~~

48.     (Cancelled)

49.     (Cancelled)

50.     (Cancelled) ~~The method of claim 47 wherein the one receiving system performs for~~

~~both respective receiving systems.~~

51.     (Currently amended) The method of claim 47 wherein ~~delivering per the request~~

~~comprises a step for delivering~~ the requesting system and the providing system communicate

via a public network without a firewall between the ~~respective delivering system~~ providing

system and the public network.

52.     (Currently amended) The method of claim 47 wherein

a first delivering the delivery system conveys the permit responsive to a public

network link to the respective receiving system;

a second delivering system conveys the product responsive to a public

network link to the respective receiving system.

53.     (Cancelled)

54.     (Cancelled)

55.     (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47 wherein a portion of the permit is

encrypted.

56.     (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47 wherein the request for the electronic

digital data product comprises at least a portion of the permit.

57.     (Cancelled)

58.     (Cancelled)

59.     (Currently amended) The method of claim 47 wherein each respective request is

received via a public network link.

60.     (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47 wherein the product comprises at

least one of a digital work, a file, an audio recording, a video recording, an executable

program, a document, a multimedia program, and content.

61.     (Currently amended) The method of claim 47 wherein conveying the second digital

data product comprises downloading the product in entirety.

62.     (Currently amended) The method of claim 47 wherein conveying the second digital

data ~~product~~ comprises streaming the product.

63.     (Currently amended) The method of claim 47 wherein conveying the <u>first digital data</u> ~~pemit~~ comprises:

detecting a prerequisite event, the event being at least one of receiving a notice that payment for the permit has been assured by a provided process, ~~assuring being in response to receiving by the process a request for the permit from a consumer subsystem and determining a network address of the consumer subsystem~~; and

conveying electronic digital data across an interface and from a port in accordance with a protocol that denies entry into a state for transferring electronic digital data of the permit unless the event is detected.

64.     (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47 wherein conveying the portion of the electronic digital data product comprises:

detecting a prerequisite event, the event being at least one of receiving a notice, receiving at least a portion of the permit, receiving a key for encrypting the product, and determining a network address for delivering the product; and

conveying electronic digital data across an interface and from a port in accordance with a protocol that denies entry into a state for transferring electronic digital data of the electronic digital data product unless the event is detected.

65.     (Currently amended) The method of claim 47 further comprising:

receiving at least two reports <u>from a plurality of reports</u> during a time period, <u>wherein the plurality of reports include a permit request report, a permit delivery report, a product delivery request report, a product delivery commencement report, and a product</u>

delivery completion report;

grouping reports into tuples of related reports;

determining whether a particular report is unmatched;

determining whether a particular tuple is incomplete; and

providing notice of a breach of security in accordance with at least one of

whether the particular report is unmatched and whether the particular tuple is incomplete.

66. - 80.     (Withdrawn)

81.     (Cancelled)

82. – 84.     (Withdrawn)

85.     (Canceled)

86.     (Currently amended) A method comprising:

a step for conveying first electronic digital data in a first transfer to deliver a

permit;

a step for conveying second electronic digital data in a second transfer to

deliver a product;

a step for receiving a plurality of reports, wherein the plurality of reports

include a permit request report, a permit delivery report, a product delivery request report, a

product delivery commencement report, and a product delivery completion report comprising

reports transmitted in response to requests for permits and reports transmitted in response to

attempted accesses of products; and

a step for identifying, as indicated by a set of reports of the plurality, at least

one of incomplete transactions and events that indicate unauthorized attempted access,

wherein each complete transaction comprises delivery of a product specified in a delivered permit.

87.     (Currently amended) A system comprising:

        means for conveying a first electronic digital data in a first transfer to deliver a permit;

        means for conveying a second electronic digital data in a second transfer to deliver a product;

        means for receiving a plurality of reports, wherein the plurality of reports include a permit request report, a permit delivery report, a product delivery request report, a product delivery commencement report, and a product delivery completion report comprising reports transmitted in response to requests for permits and reports transmitted in response to attempted accesses of products; and

        means for identifying, as indicated by a set of reports of the plurality, at least one of incomplete transactions and events that indicate unauthorized attempted access, wherein each complete transaction comprises delivery of a product specified in a delivered permit.

88. - 95.     (Withdrawn)